

## UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE (UAC) MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 3:30 PM

Regular Member Attendees: Michael Harris, Kathleen Cox, Scott Carter, Chal Benson, Alex Durland, Mark Moore

Ex-officio Members (with vote): Imran Ahmed, Eli Hvastkovs

Ex-officio Members (without vote): Nita Boyce, Matt Militello, Jamie Johnson

Guests: Shelley Binegar (for Jeff Compher)

1. Approval of November 27, 2017 minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Carter and seconded by Benson. Motion passed.

2. Athletic dept. report by Shelly Binegar (for Jeff Compher)

Binegar provided an update on the stadium renovations and the use of the Ward Sports Medicine Building. They are currently gathering opinions about the Undaunted strategic plan. The plan time period is ending and it's time to update a strategic plan so they will have a new strategic plan unveiled later in the Summer, 2018. They have included asking the Student Athlete Advisory Committee for their opinions. Athletics is currently searching for a new basketball coach. Binegar reported on numerous successes for various athletic teams and several accolades that student athletes have earned in the past month as well as the exciting inaugural game of the women's lacrosse team on Feb 10.

3. Faculty Athletics Representative

Cal Christian and Nita Boyce provided a report of the Fall 2017 Student-Athlete Academic statistics. 5 teams (baseball, men's swimming, women's tennis, men's track, and women's track) had all-time team records for GPAs. 15 teams had a semester GPA of 3.0 or higher and 15 teams had a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. This is an increase from a previous record high of 10 teams to 15 teams for both the semester and cumulative GPAs. 64% of student-athletes earned a 3.0 or above for the semester GPA. 3 teams had 100% above a 3.0 (baseball, women's golf, women's tennis). 32 student-athletes made Chancellor's List (4.0 GPA). There are 423 total student-athletes. There is great excitement over this excellent academic performance. The full report/academic review will take place in February or March at this committee's meeting. Other news is that there will be renovations to the student-athlete academic center possibly over the next 18 months. Christian mentioned there have been changes which no longer allow them to be admitted into a certificate, but only a graduate degree.

4. Discussion with Jamie Johnson, Senior Associate AD for Compliance

Johnson provided information on initial-eligibility processes and continuing eligibility processes. He explained the coaches' role in helping to ensure the students achieve continuous eligibility. He reviewed the path the student takes to gain NCAA eligibility including the high school requirements and the preliminary evaluations that the NCAA requires for freshman athletes to have completed in high school (core courses). Johnson

explained how he and the department continues to monitor the students to maintain eligibility. Johnson described advances they are developing with Global Affairs (John Rezek) to better understand international student athlete's educational programs from international schools when they come to ECU which facilitates getting students' eligibility approved at the NCAA. He reviewed the required GPA and credits that ensure continued eligibility for student-athletes. He explained that Athletics encourages the students to perform well above the NCAA minimums and they generally do. Christian further explained how Johnson's office works with the Registrar to evaluate the students' records to determine eligibility.

5. Member Comments – Harris reported that the Chancellor approved the resolution to withdraw from the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics. Hvastkovs commented that he had an excellent experience in his Chemistry class with numerous student athletes who performed very well and he wanted to make sure Athletics was aware how hard they worked and how well they did.

Note: Next meeting is February 27, 2018 at 3:30 PM in the Pat Draughon Conference Room in the Ward Sports Medicine Building. **There will be an announcement about moving the location if construction plans in the building prevent access to the conference room.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Cox